

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A method for managing system resources required for communication between a source device and a sink device in a network system in which a digital interface is used for connection between the source device and the sink device, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) allocating to the source device system resources presently required for commencement of communication between the source device and the sink device, wherein the allocating is performed by the sink device;

(b) monitoring at the source device a format of the output bit stream of the source device while communications are being maintained between the source device and the sink device to determine if requirements for the system resources have changed;

(c) allocating at the source device additional system resources to the source device or releasing at the source device redundant system resources from the source device, if it is determined as a result of monitoring that the requirements for the system resources have changed; and

(d) detecting at the sink device final system resources allocated for communication between the source device and the sink device and releasing at the sink device the detected final

system resources, when communication between the source device and the sink device is terminated.

2. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the step (c) further comprises recording at the source device information regarding a change in requirements for the system resources in a predetermined storage location of the source device, and, the step (d) further comprises detecting final system resources at the sink device based on the information recorded in the predetermined storage location of the source device.

3. (original): The method of claim 2, wherein the predetermined storage location is an output plug control register which is defined according to an IEC61883 standard, which defines management of connections between digital devices in an IEEE1394 network system, wherein the step (c) further comprises updating a payload field of the output plug control register based on a bandwidth of the output bit stream when the bandwidth, which is initially allocated as one of the system resources in the step (a), is changed.

4. (original): A method for managing system resources required for communication between a source device and a sink device in a network system in which a digital interface is used for connection between the source device and the sink device, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) allocating to the source device system resources presently required for commencement of communication between the source device and the sink device, wherein the allocating is performed by the sink device;

(b) monitoring at the source device a format of the output bit stream of the source device while communications are being maintained between the source device and the sink device to determine if requirements for the system resources have changed;

(c) informing the sink device of the change in the requirements for the system resources if it is determined as a result of monitoring that the requirements for the system resources have changed;

(d) allocating additional system resources to the source device or releasing redundant system resources from the source device, at the sink device if it is determined as a result of monitoring that the requirements for the system resources have changed; and

(e) detecting at the sink device final system resources and releasing at the sink the detected system resources when communication between the source device and the sink device is terminated.

5. (original): The method of claim 4, wherein the step (e) further comprises determining if communication between the source and sink devices has been terminated.

6. (original): The method of claim 4, wherein the step (c) further comprises recording at the source device information regarding the change in the requirements for the system resources in a predetermined storage location of the source device, the step (d) further comprises reading at the sink device the information regarding the change in the requirements for the system resources from the predetermined storage location of the source device, and the step (e) further comprises detecting the final system resources at the sink device based on the information recorded in the predetermined storage location.

7. (original): The method of claim 6, wherein the predetermined storage location is an output plug control register which is defined according to an IEC61883 standard, which defines management of connections between digital devices in an IEEE1394 network system, wherein a payload field of the output plug control register is updated based on a bandwidth of the output bit stream when the bandwidth, which is initially allocated as one of the system resources in the step (a), is changed.

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein in the step (c), said releasing, at the source device, of said redundant system resources comprises releasing excessive bandwidth.

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).